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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 255. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th March 1868.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddapah, 4th March 1868, No. 33:—

1. The Board of Revenue are aware from previous reports that the poorer classes in many parts of this district are much in want of assistance, and having considered the best way of relieving them, I have come to the conclusion that it is necessary, in the first place, to endeavour to supply them with water, and in the next with means of purchasing food.

2. The portions most requiring help, except Badwel, for which provision has been made, are the Sidhout talook and parts of Kadri and Royachoty, chiefly the eastern part of Kadri and the western of Royachoty. Mr. Roberts, the Acting Sub-Collector, informs me that in some parts of Kadri a portion of the population are subsisting on leaves, and has urged on me the advisability of suspending the collection of the remaining kists of the Fusly due on dry land, and of seeking sanction for a sum of money to be laid out as a famine grant. I have, as the necessity seems urgent, authorized him to suspend the collection of the remaining dry kists in the talooks of Royachoty and Kadri. I think no deficiency of the amount of food in the country is to be apprehended—what we want is more water and money. I have already requested the sanction of the Board to the expenditure of money in digging wells or repairing them in the Badwel talook, wherever water is wanted, and it may be practicable. I have now the honor to request that sanction may also be given to me to spend a sum of money, not exceeding Rupees 1,000, in digging or deepening wells in the Kadri and Royachoty talooks. I would also solicit sanction to expend a sum of Rupees 5,000 immediately on the repairs of the road from Kadri to Royachoty, which passes through the heart of the country now suffering, and which is in itself a road of considerable importance, traffic from Kadri to Cuddapah having now to go round by Ungalloo, a village within six miles of Muddenpully, in consequence of this road never having been completed. If these sums are granted for immediate expenditure in addition to that already sanctioned for Badwel, I think we shall be able to get on pretty well till 1st April, after which expenditure might begin on roads, for which provision has been made in the Local Fund Budget.

3. I have the honor to submit a list of works entered in that Budget, which in the present state of the district it would be advisable to commence as soon after 1st April as possible—

	Estimate. Rs.
1. Road from Badwel to Sidhout	1,064
2. Do. from Sidhout to Cuddapah	952
3. Do. from Sidhout to Wontimetta	380
4. Do. from Sidhout to Hobalam	288
5. Do. from Vanupally to Royachoty...	1,640
6. Do. from Kadri to Mutialachervoo...	190
7. Do. from Kadri to Pulivendlah	1,160
Total ...	5,074

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I shall feel obliged if the Board would be good enough to support my recommendation, that these works be sanctioned by Government for execution as soon after 1st April as possible.

1. Submitted for the information of Government, with the Board's request that the Acting Collector's application for a special grant of Rupees 6,000, for digging and deepening wells in the Kadri and Royachoty talooks, and for expenditure on the road from Kadri to Royachoty for the purpose of affording employment to the able-bodied poor, may be sanctioned.

2. Mr. Molony's proceedings in suspending the collections have the Board's approval and sanction, and any other fiscal measures of relief which he can suggest will receive the Board's favorable consideration.

3. The Acting Sub-Collector should at once be required to make a careful tour of those parts of the Kadri talook in which the people are suffering most, in order that immediate measures for their relief may be applied on the spot. The price of food and the supply in the markets in these localities should be reported as soon as possible, with the Acting Collector's opinion as to whether it is advisable to make an application to the Famine Relief Committee for a grant of funds for the support of those who are unable to labor.

4. Should Mr. Molony deem it desirable to have special assistance to aid him in dealing with the distress, which from his present report would seem to be more serious in parts of Cuddapah than in any other district, the Board will at once apply to Government on the subject.

5. The works referred to in the concluding paragraph of Mr. Molony's letter may be commenced, as desired, on the 1st of April, as they are repair works for which due provision has been made in the Budget of 1868-69.

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Miscellaneous.

The Government sanction the special grant of Rupees 6,000 for relief works, applied for by the Acting Collector, and authorize him at once to set in hand any Local Fund works provided for in the Budget for 1868-69, which will afford employment to the suffering poor. His proceedings in suspending collections as reported are approved, and the Government look to him to bring forward all necessary proposals to alleviate distress.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
.. the Collector of Cuddapah.
.. the Accountant General.
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Ed. S. T. Augustin.

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